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BON VOYAGE

Seldom if ever has northern California Congregationalism been so stirred as by the rapid fire visit of Rev. George W. Shepherd of China.

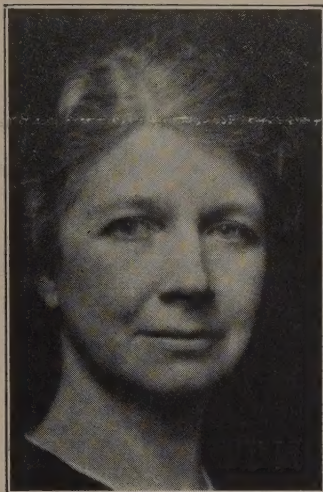
Beginning with a luncheon of 300 Masons at Sacramento, he continued addressing over 400 people in the Sacramento church the same afternoon, and 270 at Stockton in the evening. On Sunday morning a crowded church heard him at First, Berkeley; in the afternoon 500 Chinese in a union service in San Francisco; and in the evening a large congregation at Congregational Methodist Temple. On Monday he addressed the district Federation of Women's Clubs, and then was hurried to San Jose where 300 Congregationalists of that city and nearby churches heard him. The day following he spoke at the Pacific School of Religion, and then to a student group at the University, and finally addressed the largest annual meeting in the history of the Bay Association at Grace United Church, San Francisco. Not less than 4,000 people heard him, which does not count those that listened over the radio on Sunday morning.

Mr. Shepherd is a man in the prime of life, with a passion and a vision for the uplift of a great nation. For years he gained direct experience with rural problems of China and then was selected to be adviser to the unique couple directing the affairs of China in their program, known as the New Life Movement. It is Mr. Shepherd's conviction that while Japan will win the battles China will win the war, because Japan can get neither the money nor the leadership for reconstruction of the occupied areas. "The most impressive thing about China is that it is full of Chinese," and these Chinese have had in the past few years a vision of what a great future is in store for them. He believes that the morale of the Chinese people will hold, and that if the Christians and the businessmen of America will continue their support of the humanitarian and religious efforts of the missionaries and the Chinese church, China will come through this ordeal and take its place as an enlightened nation motivated by good will.

Mr. Shepherd expected to return to China by Clipper, but on the last day of his visit a cablegram came from a source close to the head of the Chinese government to the effect that Madame Chiang had taken responsibility for 20,000 war orphans and asked him to find out what could be done in America comparable to the program of the Near East Relief following the war, whereupon Mr. Shepherd went back to Washington, delaying his return to the Orient a few weeks.

Rev. W. W. Ferrier, former editor of The Pacific and our indefatigable historian and writer, has completed a 40,000 word biography of Henry Durant, the first president of the University of California. He is now at work on "The First Quarter Century of California Congregationalism."

ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS



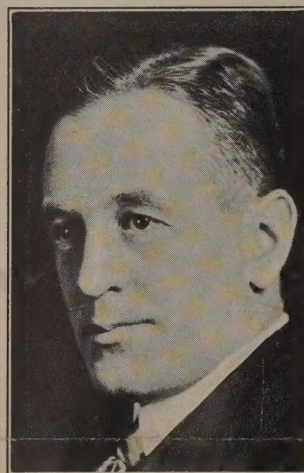
Mrs. Wm. H. Medlicott

Northern California Congregationalists are looking forward with keenest anticipation to the coming of Mrs. Wm. H. Medlicott of New York and Rev. Boynton Merrill, D. D. of Newton, Mass., who will be guest speakers at the spring associations and at other gatherings which are being arranged.

Mrs. Medlicott, who has lived both in New York and Massachusetts, has become a leader in churchmanship for modern women. She is much more than a secretary of a Missionary Board. In her own church she has served as department superintendent in the Church School, as president of the Women's Association, and as a member of practically every kind of committee which a local church possesses. Later she was elected as a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, and in 1933 became associate secretary in the Foreign Department on the staff. About a year ago, at the urgent request of the Missions Council, she was released by the American Board and is now associate secretary of that Council, which represents both our Home and For-

eign interests. At each association meeting she will lead the women in discussion for a two-hour period.

Rev. Boynton Merrill comes to the Pacific Coast at the request of Dr. F. L. Fagley of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, to lead groups of ministers in their thinking about public worship. Dr. Merrill was chaplain of the General Council at Oberlin where he made a profound impression in his leadership of the services of worship. He is a



Rev. Boynton Merrill, D.D.

graduate of Dartmouth College, from which he holds degree of Doctor of Divinity, and studied theology at Union Seminary. He is much in demand as a preacher to schools and colleges and is a trustee of Wellesley and of the Northfield schools. He is now minister of the great Second Church in Newton, where he has been for eleven years. He is author of "From Confusion to Certainty," and "Arrows of Light." Dr. Merrill's part on the program will be to hold discussion with ministers and laymen regarding the conduct of public worship.

The schedule of association meetings appears in another column.

M. E. M. Asilomar

The Missionary Education Movement will hold its twenty-fifth conference as usual at Asilomar, July 17 to 22. The rates are approximately the same as last year, ranging from \$13.75 in the longhouse (formerly known as tenthouse), with the 30c state tax additional. Subjects to be studied are "India," "The City Church," "Missionary Education Methods," and the "Missionary Motive."

It is none too early to select delegates to attend this conference. The Conference leaders suggest to parishes that they should send and pay the whole or part of the delegates' expenses. Experience has shown that a delegation brings back to a parish a great stimulus, not only in its missionary interests but also in its parochial and community activities.

THE MCKINLEYS EXPECTED

Northern California is to have the pleasure of a brief visit from the family of Rev. and Mrs. James F. McKinley. Mr. McKinley is dean of the College of Theology, Silliman University, Philippine Islands, an institution which is supported jointly by the Congregational and Presbyterian churches. Mrs. McKinley will speak at the Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women at Stockton. Mr. McKinley is to be at the Thursday evening prayer service of the Congregational Methodist Temple, San Francisco, on the 21st, and at a special meeting at San Rafael on the evening of the 22nd. Mr. McKinley and family are en route to Vancouver, whence they sail, returning to their field of labor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.

Rev. E. W. Houlding is serving as ad interim pastor.

NOW THANK WE—

The darkness turned to dawn. A month ago the treasurer's report showed a deficit of about \$600 for the 11 months of the fiscal year and March required heavy year-end disbursements. The prospect was not good. Had the "recession" hit us hard all at once. A letter was sent to pastors or treasurers asking that money received be forwarded before the 31st. A letter telling in very brief form the story of our Conference work and needs was sent to a list of friends, who have shown their interest in the past. Calls were made on 20 people, and the response was never so generous, reaching a total of \$1,041 in individual gifts. Churches will receive credit in the Year Book but not toward apportionment goals.

The result? "Over the top" by a small but safe margin for the fourth straight year. Thus again has faith been vindicated. Religious work at U. C. was adopted by the Conference some years ago without the provision of a dollar in the budget. Nineteen months ago a field secretary was added to our staff to enable us to serve the churches more efficiently. Both of these items have been cared for in addition to other needed work. Slowly but surely we move forward.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 17—Easter Sunday.
- April 21—Spring meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Stockton.
- April 25 or 26—Meeting of Bay Area ministers with Dr. Boynton Merrill.
- April 27—Redwood Empire Association, Cloverdale.
- April 28—Upper Bay Association, Benicia.
- April 29—Sacramento Valley Association, Auburn.
- April 30 and May 1—Convention of German young people at Sanger.
- May 2—San Joaquin Association, Porterville.
- May 3—Santa Clara Association, Campbell.
- May 4—Central Association, Ripon.
- May 6—10 a. m., meeting of Bay area women with Mrs. Wm. H. Medlicott, Alameda.
- June 15-22—General Council of Congregational Churches, Beloit, Wis.
- June 21-July 1—Institute of International Relations, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.
- July 17-22—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.
- July 30-August 6—Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
- August 6-13—Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Conference, Lokoya.
- October 11-12-13—Annual meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, San Mateo.

CHERINGTON HONORED

Rev. Reed B. Cherington of Palo Alto, chaplain of the Veterans Hospital, attended the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, on March 17. He gave the anniversary sermon and also the memorial address at the founders' day service. Mr. Cherington's father, Dr. F. B. Cherington, was the first president of the institution.



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After suffering a severe slump at the end of February, the benevolence funds were augmented in a splendid way during March with remittances totaling almost twice as much as the two months previously put together. The result is a \$100 gain over the three month period in 1937. Due to a change in bookkeeping the special deficit fund gifts are being held in one item until the end of the year, whereas a year ago they were at once credited to the churches. The former plan resulted in misunderstandings since these gifts came direct to the office and the church treasurers were unable to make their figures agree with those published in The Pacific. The total net effect of the gifts from individuals and from churches was to enable the Conference to close its year without deficit, as noted in another column, and to make splendid remittances to the eastern boards.

	Jan. 11 March to 1938	Jan. 11 March to 31, '37	Jan. 11 March to 31, '37
Adin	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.40	\$ 9.50
Alameda	115.90	115.90	
Angels Camp	25.00	25.00	125.00
Antioch	15.00	15.00	16.66
Auburn		60.00	60.00
Benicia	5.00	5.00	20.00
Berkeley, First	579.05	1,445.71	1,797.38
Kensington	10.00	10.00	10.00
North	85.00	85.00	75.00
Park	14.82	14.82	70.00
Campbell	57.00	57.00	55.00
Cloverdale	10.30	16.60	10.30
Cotati	31.50	31.50	
Crockett	12.21	12.21	
Eureka	22.83	65.47	74.32
Ferndale	3.63	3.63	
Fowler	18.00	18.00	
Fresno, First	150.77	150.77	204.14
Pilgrim		50.00	35.00
Kenwood	11.61	11.61	13.70
Lodi, First	85.00	265.00	110.00
Loomis		20.00	12.00
Martinez	48.23	69.88	91.94
Murphy		60.00	50.00
Niles	10.70	10.70	
Oakland, First	872.64	1,356.80	1,509.98
Fruitvale	12.00	12.00	12.00
Japanese		5.00	
Pilgrim	10.50	10.50	5.76
Plymouth	67.36	136.19	152.09
Orville		20.00	60.00
Pacific Grove	70.58	70.58	107.40
Palo Alto	350.00	500.00	450.00
Paradise	30.00	30.00	33.08
Penn Grove	1.50	1.50	
Petaluma	72.55	138.98	187.84
Pittsburg	11.44	23.25	33.15
Porterville	60.00	60.00	37.50
Redwood City	104.10	104.10	160.00
Rio Vista	30.00	30.00	
Ripon	7.86	22.71	22.99
Sacramento	137.44	175.33	144.58
San Carlos	14.41	30.18	18.23
San Francisco			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	66.08	66.08	68.74
First	245.97	381.13	431.65
Ocean View	10.00	10.00	10.00
Richmond		1.00	
San Jose	60.00	155.00	190.00
San Leandro	8.58	8.58	21.95
San Mateo			24.00
San Rafael			24.00
Santa Cruz	192.00	192.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	46.54	55.77	53.50
Saratoga			150.45
Sebastopol	29.63	48.48	71.13
Sonoma	3.00	15.50	8.50
Soquel	11.00	11.00	10.00
Stockton	57.52	82.62	56.70
Tulare	110.00	110.00	75.00
Weaverville	39.35	39.35	28.15
Woodside	10.00		
Reno, Nevada	25.28	52.65	86.77
Miscellaneous	1,041.00*	1,043.00*	290.80
	\$5,130.28	\$7,618.48	\$7,511.08

* Includes Special Deficit gifts which will be credited to individual churches at the end of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

Following firsthand studies of migrant laborers by the young people of the Pioneer Church of Sacramento, the following tentative findings were adopted:

1. A visit with these migrant people has deepened our interest and Christian sympathy. It is a kind of experience which profoundly changes our attitudes.
2. Such interest will not be resented. Those of us who at first were timid and apprehensive about meeting with them found a cordial response.
3. The people are for the most part improvable. We lost our first cynicism when we found we could touch springs of aspiration.
4. We can at least do something for them where they are, such as giving friendly help in cooking, nursing and hygiene.
5. We have been encouraged at finding several agencies which are already cooperating effectively for their welfare.
6. Starting with situations as we find them, we do not stop with the near end but have committed ourselves to thorough going measures.
7. The ultimate solution must be found through permanent and normal living on subsistence acres or on farms with diversified crops which will provide a decent living for the entire year.

Have you by any chance missed the implication of the May Bill N.R.-9604? While it is described as an effort to take the profits out of war, the bill itself makes no real provision to this end, but rather would make the President an absolute dictator in war time and place all man power at his disposal to be used in any way he sees fit. It is inconceivable that by one Congressional act the liberties of more than 300 years should be wiped out. Get hold of the bill, study it, and then write your senators and congressmen.

(From news letter issued by Social Action Committee of Southern California Conference).

With ten churches cooperating, Santa Rosa Protestant churches have voted to form a church council, city and county groups having monthly, alternating, meetings.

When Rev. Victor H. Morgan of Rio Vista talked to the Redwood Empire group of young people in Cotati, there was a fine response to his appeal for a team of workers to labor among the migrants this coming summer.

As a background for the Economic Plebiscite, the Santa Rosa Social Action Committee is promoting a seven-week study of Kagawa's "Brotherhood Economics." Ten copies of the book have already been distributed.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON HOUSE. A Well Baby Conference, sponsored by parents' organizations was launched, more than a dozen mothers taking advantage of it. The enrollment in the Sunday School is now 142. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

CANDIDATES EXAMINED
The Committee on Ministerial Standing of the Conference at the request of the Benicia and Salida churches has examined their pastors, Mr. Wilfred I. Orr and Mr. C. Virgil Carlson, and has approved the desire of the churches to call councils looking toward their ordination.

SONOMA. Rev. E. W. Perry inaugurated a midweek prayer meeting at the beginning of Lent which will continue at least until after Easter. The choir continues its good work and will have a busy month during April.

SAN CARLOS. The campaign for new members and earnest discussion of the responsibility which the community has to the church augur well for a new interest and greatly encourages Rev. Alden Read, the pastor.

RIO VISTA. The church building has been entirely redecorated, including painting, varnishing, and tinting. In appreciation of the efforts of the pastor, Rev. Victor H. Morgan, a substantial increase in salary has been granted.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST

Reports of the attendance contest between Alameda, Fresno, and Stockton show very marked gains over a year ago. For the first three Sundays of March the increase noted by Fresno in percentage was 122, 117, and 130; in Stockton 214, 126, and 133; and in Alameda 132, 123, and 213.

ON THE BALLOT

The Anti-Saloon League, representing the United Dry Forces (23 denominations and organizations), is presenting three initiative measures designed to curb some of the worst evils of the liquor traffic, to the voters of California.

1. The first initiative forbids the sale of alcoholic beverages within 200 yards of the exterior boundaries of any public school or children's playground. The liquor traffic has encroached upon the schools and playgrounds to such an extent that the adoption of this measure will close hundreds of places throughout the State of California. A recent survey by the School Department reveals that about 800 liquor licenses in Los Angeles will be affected. This measure is advocated by Mrs. John Stearns Thayer, President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Los Angeles District.
2. The second initiative is aimed at some of the worst phases of liquor advertisement. It forbids outdoor billboards, and also prohibits the use of girls' pictures, window display, and any advertising which suggests that alcohol has a tonic or health value. This measure is designed to deal with the subversive appeal being made by the alcohol traffic to youth. It is sponsored by Dr. Roy L. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Los Angeles.
3. The third initiative deals with the rehabilitation of those who are alcoholically diseased, and allocates five percent of the alcoholic beverage taxes for proper hospitalization and health farms, relieving the taxpayer of this heavy burden. This measure is advocated by H. W. Vollmer, M. D., Medical Director of the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Norman W. Pendleton, in charge of the campaign in northern California, advises us that the initiative petitions have been sent to all ministers and churches throughout the state. The editor of "The Pacific" urges the ministers and churches to cooperate in the campaign to secure enough signatures to place these measures on the ballot.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. About \$3,200 has been pledged out of the \$4,000 which needs to be raised by May, 1939 in order to meet the requirements of the bank for the elimination of the first mortgage. The Building Society and the Bay Association are cooperating. In the past four years there has been a reduction of accumulated deficit for running expenses from \$1,752 to \$390. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A splendid attendance greeted the first speaker, Supt. Harley H. Gill, in the lecture course sponsored by Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor of the church. The course is given in Wetherbee Hall, for which \$1.00 admission is charged, the funds to go to the support of the church. President H. F. Swartz and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce are the other lecturers.

LODI. A committee on Social Action was set up the first of the year and they have cooperated with the Christian Endeavor Society in entertaining the Japanese Club of the high school at a successful St. Patrick's party. Twenty-six Lodi people attended the George Shepherd meeting at Stockton. Rev. A. R. Boone is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. A new pipe organ has been installed, the third since the present church was erected in 1890. It was used for the first time on the first Sunday in April. The pastor's wife, Mrs. H. S. Mahood, was elected president of the Women's Interdenominational Federation of Missions at their last meeting.

COTATI. The committee on membership and church attendance has sent a letter to families throughout the community, inviting them to Lenten services, and setting forth all of the activities of the church. It reveals a well-rounded program under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Champin, pastor.

SUNOL. Following an effort to take children of Sunol to Pleasanton for Sunday School, a group of interested people decided to revive the Sunday School in their own community and have met with very encouraging results, with 20 children enrolled and a good superintendent, and plans for an Easter service.

SAN MATEO. Ten new members were welcomed into the church early in March. Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, is giving a Lenten study course, using Dwight Bradley's "Highways of the Spirit." The deacons of the church conduct the services of worship.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. F. W. MacCallum was greeted by a large audience when he preached at the church Sunday morning. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian was thus released for a visit to Sacramento where nearly 100 Armenians had gathered, to whom he ministered.

SAN FRANCISCO
HOTEL Stewart

Down town on Geary St. above Union Square.
Rates with bath \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 one person;
\$3.50 to \$5.00 two persons; without bath \$1.75
one person, \$2.50 two persons. CHAS. A. and
MARGARET STEWART, Proprietors.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, in order to make vital a series of discussions with his young people, wrote to a number of firms in the Bay region who employ many people, asking them two questions: 1. Does an employer have a right to expect more of a Christian than of a person who makes no profession of religion? 2. Does the word of a priest, rabbi, or minister bear any appreciable weight in recommendations for a position? Nearly all of the firms addressed sent replies, and the gist of the same was that a minister's recommendation carries much weight as to character, and that, while a firm expects first-rate service from all employees regardless of religion, it does expect and finds a spirit of cooperation among Christians that is often lacking among others.

PITTSBURG. The church auditorium has been carpeted by the Women's Auxiliary, a new piano has been purchased for the Primary Department, and song books for the whole Sunday School. The attendance in the Sunday School has practically doubled. The young people have rendered a worthwhile service in publishing a monthly news sheet for the church, and have also increased their fund for sending delegates to the Young People's Conference. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, has used the book, "The Reasonable Faith" by Russell J. Clinchy, for the midweek Lenten services.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Before The Pacific reaches its readers the result of the great service on Palm Sunday will be known. For weeks Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, and the members and officers of the church have been planning a great communion offering to lift the indebtedness of \$32,000, which has burdened the church for a number of years; \$13,000 has been promised if the whole can be raised. Beginning March 20 and continuing until Easter, the pastor has been personally conducting cottage meetings three nights a week and, in addition, Thursday night meetings at the church.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. The choir, assisted by guest artists, gave a concert on the last evening of March, which was attended by about 200 persons, who greatly enjoyed it. Three missionary speakers have recently visited the church: Dr. F. W. MacCallum of Turkey, Rev. D. Richardson of Erzerum, and Mrs. J. Peters of Salonika. Rev. V. H. Yesayan, the pastor, has written the Junior story for the World Service Sunday Schools.

SOQUEL. Some weeks ago the church was set on fire from an overheated chimney during the Sunday service, but the damage was not great and was covered by insurance. The Christian Endeavor Society has assumed responsibility for a new piano. The ladies' circle has sent its Social Welfare quota, arranged by the Federation. Rev. Jessie G. Heath is pastor.

FOWLER. The young people have entertained the Christian Endeavor Society of Yettum and have held a joint meeting with two societies in Fresno. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Goergizian, has been supplying the Presbyterian Armenian Church at Kingsburg.

ALTURAS. The young people's work is divided into three groups: the Pilgrim Fellowship with more mature young people meeting on Sunday evenings for study, devotions, and discussion; a younger group of thirty meets Wednesdays after school and recently rendered a very interesting entertainment; the third is a group of 26 boys known as the Rangers. They form the Church School class of the minister, Rev. J. K. Ballou, but will soon be divided into two sections. A vested boys' choir sings at Sunday School and occasionally at church. A girls' choir is in the process of formation under the direction of Mrs. Ballou.

An oil burner circulating heater has been installed in the auditorium and extensive repairs are contemplated on the parsonage.

SAN FRANCISCO, CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Truly great musical opportunities are being given to the city by this church, under the direction of Dr. William E. Knuth. On Sunday, March 27, Mendelssohn's cantata, "Hear My Prayer," was given at morning and evening services, and on Sunday, April 3, Gounod's "Gallia" was likewise presented. Young people of the Church School will be received into membership on Palm Sunday. Special Lenten messages are given Wednesday and Thursday evenings by the pastors, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. E. A. Lowther.

RIPON. "Over the top" and with \$250 to spare was the result of the every member canvass. Church attendance is most encouraging. The pastor, Rev. Robert A. Bentley, is leading in a study of the Bible at midweek church-night gatherings. During Lent his sermon subjects are under the general theme, "Religion, the liberator." He preaches sermons to the children on Sunday mornings and in the evenings gives stereopticon services based on paintings of great artists.

TRINITY COUNTY. All efforts of the church in Weaverville and its departments are directed toward repairs of the church and a new furnace. The pastor, Rev. James D. Salmon, has devoted eight days of work during March to the Hayfork building, which is nearing completion. Both church attendance and Sunday school enrollment have increased at Hayfork and a fine Easter program is in prospect. Roads into Lewiston have been blocked on account of the rains.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Fifty-five young people attended a Sunday retreat at Orinda, in preparation for the Easter season and church membership. Rev. Fred Morrow of Berkeley and Rev. William R. Steininger of Antioch were discussion leaders. As a special Lenten exercise of religious faith, Plymouth members are using Cent-a-Meal boxes to increase benevolences. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Fourteen men patched the plaster and tinted the walls of the auditorium, so the interior is now very attractive. A splendid choir has been organized and is in regular service. The circles of the Women's Association are growing in interest and attendance. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

SAN JOSE. This church was shocked by the announcement on Sunday, March 27, of the resignation of Rev. Benjamin Gould, for nine years the successful and beloved pastor. There were not a few who desired not to accept it, but Mr. Gould insisted that it was his wish to accept the call of the Oroville church, and his people bowed to his judgment. During his pastorate there has been welded into the leadership of the church a number of young people, and there has never been a period in which there was greater harmony and more loyalty. Mr. Gould has been active in civic affairs and has come to be regarded as one of the outstanding citizens of the city.

REDWOOD CITY. In spite of storms the attendance at church and Sunday School held up remarkably well during March. There were a number of special events, including the West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship rally with a program and dinner. The church and Sunday School sponsored a Father and Son banquet with boys of all ages present. The Plymouth Guild held a fashion show and tea. The Women's Guild has a new project in the purchase of choir robes, and a special talk featured their March meeting, on the subject "The Romantic Southwest." Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

OROVILLE. This church is exceedingly happy both in the ad interim minister, Rev. Henry Stauffer, and the new permanent minister who is to come on May 1, Rev. Benjamin Gould. Mr. Stauffer has been serving the church about five months, has strengthened every department, and is leading the church to a splendid celebration of Easter. Mr. Gould will come from a successful pastorate at San Jose and will bring to Oroville strength of leadership, not only in the church but the community.

PORTERVILLE. The Ladies' Aid Society has just completed payment in full for the carpet, amounting to about \$700, in addition to two gas ranges, hot tables, dishes, and silver, for the serving of 200 people. A hundred new chairs have been ordered to augment the seating for Easter. A relative of the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, has presented to the church a walnut communion table, cross, and offering plates, and also a silver communion service.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Mr. Dan Yee, pastor of the church, has claimed as his bride Miss Florence Moy Toy, who has recently returned to America from China. Mrs. Yee was born in Wisconsin and educated at Northwestern Conservatory of Music. She has been teaching in China and will be a great help in the Berkeley Chinese community to her husband, who has already shown such splendid leadership.

AUBURN. Mrs. Annabel Loken, wife of the pastor, recently gave as a reading, Clemence Dane's play "A Bill of Divorcement," to a highly appreciative audience of 100. A silver offering of \$34.00 goes for the improvement of the manse. Semi-monthly afternoon forums, where national and international subjects have been discussed, have been well attended and have included a number of the young people from the Pilgrim Fellowship.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. At Murphy the Aid Society has purchased furniture for the social hall, including a range and some folding chairs and tables, besides other kitchen supplies. One person from Murphy and twelve from Angels Camp attended the Shepherd meeting at Stockton. Rev. John G. Dickey holds service at night one Sunday a month at Angels Camp, combining the service with the young people's meeting, the young people assisting with music, Scripture reading, and the like. A pastor's class is in progress. Seventy-five books have been received for the library and there is need for enlarged quarters for the library and for social activities.

STOCKTON. Through inadvertence a recent issue of The Pacific dropped a cypher in attempting to state that the fund for the new sanctuary amounts to \$3,000.00.

A series of addresses, to present the story of the church through the ages, as shown in the lives of representative leaders, has been given on Sunday evenings, under the title: "A goodly heritage." St. Augustine, Gregory VIII, St. Francis of Assisi, John Wycliffe, John Calvin, John Wesley, David Livingstone, and Dwight L. Moody comprise the list. Assisting the pastor have been Mrs. Hudson Smythe, Rev. H. H. Frost, Professors Collier, Orton, Werner, Tully Knoles, and Lorraine Knoles.

ANTIOCH. The lower floor of the old parsonage has been remodeled into a parish house and connected by a passageway with the church. Much of the labor has been contributed, including removal of equipment, making of curtains, painting, and landscaping. Forty people assisted on one day. On Tuesday, March 29, a dinner and a dedication of the new parish house took place, with Supt. Gill as the speaker. On a recent Sunday Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, was delighted with the presence of 17 young men, members of the DeMolay, at church service.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. John H. Hunter, pastor for the past seven years, has resigned to take effect the last of May. Rev. Charles R. Eberhardt, who in the autumn is to go to Edinburgh for graduate study, has been secured as summer supply. At the annual meeting every department reported all bills paid and a small balance in the treasury. A pastor's class, in preparation for church membership, is held each Tuesday after school.

SANTA ROSA. Sunday evenings of interest are planned by Rev. Wilfred Withington. Speakers announced during Lent are Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco, Prof. James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion, and Rev. Andrew Junvinal, who had pictures of the Holy Land. A peace play was given entitled "Brothers," an Easter drama, and music.



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SPRING MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Federation Spring Meeting will be held in the Stockton church on April 21, morning session at 10:30, afternoon session at 1:30. Addresses include discussion of "Conditions in Europe" by President Tully Knoles of Stockton; "The Religious Training of the Child in the Home" by Dr. Lynn T. White of San Anselmo; "Vivid Pictures of Our Home and Foreign Work" by Mrs. Robert d'Erlach of Berkeley; M. E. M. Conference for 1938 by Mrs. Avery Howe of Palo Alto; and Young People's Conference by Robert Cleland of Alameda. Bring a box lunch and come (coffee and tea will be served).

Migrant Needs

The pressing need of migrants in the flood areas is one of the great problems just now needing attention. Emergency work is being done by various groups, including the Red Cross. Our own field nurses, under the Council of Women for Home Missions, are doing valiant service and need our special support at this time. Bedding, clothing, layettes, etc., should be sent to Mrs. Agnes Fowler, R. N., Pismo Beach, and to Miss Vera Haptonstal, R. N., Los Banos, Calif.

Miss Adele Ballard, for many years the very able and devoted western supervisor of migrant work, and the ranking national authority on it, passed away in Oakland on March 16. Her loss is keenly felt by all. As our memorial to her shall we not each do a little extra for those whom she served so devotedly? Money sent to her assistant, Miss Abbie Nicholson, 430 19th St., Oakland, will be carefully used where most needed. Miss Nicholson will be glad to answer any inquiries regarding this work.

From Dr. Alma Cooke comes the annual report of Lintsing Memorial Hospital, Shantung Province, China, where she is again carrying on work. "The relations between the county government and the hospital have been more cordial than ever, due mainly to the understanding and sympathetic support of General Chao Jen Ch'uan, made county magistrate a year ago. . . . During July and August Lintsing District was again visited by floods. . . . As a result of the war and floods, banditry has broken out everywhere; the Japanese forces are not strong enough in numbers to control the countryside. The problem of securing medical supplies is becoming increasingly acute, because of the disruption of mail and shipping facilities. The Japanese Medical Corps has been buying medicines from the hospital and frequently borrowing surgical instruments, and supplies from either Tientsin or Shanghai are unobtainable to replace them."

Do not fail to read in the Saturday Review of March 5 a report on "Books in the News: China," by Carl Crow, author of "40,000,000 Customers," which gives high praise to the far-reaching influence of American missionaries in China, through their schools, hospitals, and mission work. This is strongly set forth by Henry L. Stimson in his "Far Eastern Crisis."

Mrs. L. M. Drury suggests that books intended for Angels Camp library be brought to the Spring Meeting at Stockton. This will greatly facilitate her collection and delivery of them.

Mrs. W. H. Medlicott, associate secretary of the Missions Council, is coming out from New York and will meet our women on May 6 at 10:15 a. m. in First Congregational Church, Alameda.

VISITS TURKEY

A letter from Mrs. James Hazlett of Palo Alto tells of her visit to Izmir (Smyrna) in Turkey: "Edith Parsons came on board to meet me. We were rowed ashore and then were driven by auto to our Girls' School. . . . The site of the school covers 10 acres. The main building, completed about five years ago, is a building of which we may well be proud. The small private garden for the older pupils and the teachers is beautiful, quiet and restful. . . . It was a joy to see the girls on the playground, in classroom, and in the dining room. I had luncheon with the staff—two Stanfordites among them. The classrooms, scattered near the main building, are entirely inadequate. Smyrna lies on the slope of the low hills. We drove to the citadel, built, it is thought, in prehistoric times—a marvelous view from there. . . . It was sweet to have someone I knew wave me good-bye as I was rowed away to the ship. Quiet, calm, capable, is the picture I have of Edith Parsons as she attended to matters that came to her attention."

A nurses' training course has been added to their curriculum. Although Turkey is now one of the most peaceful parts of the world, our school girls have been required to practice wearing gas masks.

Mrs. L. K. Doty of Palo Alto writes: "Our Society sent 41 cartons of warm clothing, shoes and bedding over by truck to Los Banos to Miss Haptonstal. We put an ad in the paper that the church would be open to receive things a certain afternoon, and a group of us sorted and labeled the boxes, and we got it there when it was most needed. Lovely letter of appreciation from the nurse, so we were glad."

PRESIDENT DESCRIBED TRIP

During her January trip, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Federation President, visited the much-written-about Delta Cooperative Farm at Hillhouse, Miss. The share cropper system has grown up since the Civil War. The planter supplied land and seed; the Negroes and poor whites worked it on shares. The psychology of futility and hopelessness explains the prevalent shiftlessness in the South today. The share cropper owns nothing; the tenant farmer, a mule or two and seed. Their cash income per year averages from \$68.50 to \$212.00 per family. Half the sale price of the crop goes to the planter, and the share cropper must buy all supplies at his store, paying exorbitant interest on loans. The planter himself may have to borrow at 10 to 16 percent, and, since the collapse of cotton, his back is often to the wall. The Negroes have no sense of responsibility and unless kept in debt they may leave at a moment's notice.

It was a group of interested southern men who suggested to Sam H. Franklin, returned Methodist missionary from Japan, that he try to organize a bi-racial cooperative farm. He interested Sherwood Eddy in the project. They, with John Rust and

two others, are the trustees of Delta Cooperative Farm, which Mr. Franklin runs on the Rochdale plan. The Council of Five governing the Cooperative is democratically elected, with not more than three members of one race. The farm consists of 2,138 acres of rich Sharkley clay, bought at \$5.00 per acre, from the absentee owner. (A Government Resettlement project nearby paid \$30 per acre and all other expenses were much higher than at Delta Farm). Five hundred to six hundred acres are cultivated and there are 1,000 acres of very fine cypress timber. Diversification of products is desired, and they now have a dairy herd, a poultry farm, and pecans, besides cotton. There are 35 tenant families, the whites living on one side of the Community House, the Negroes on the other side. Each group separately uses the Community House for social affairs. Each man shares profits in proportion to the amount and quality of his work. About \$300 yearly is the cash income per family. There is also a deferred payment. One of their greatest troubles is to get people to stay. Three families (2 Negro), left this year and greater selective care will be used hereafter.

The four foundation planks or principles of the Farm are: 1. Efficiency in production and economy in finance through the cooperative principle; 2. Participation in the building of a socialized economy of abundance. 3. The principle of inter-racial justice. 4. Realistic religion as a social dynamic.

"While share croppers are drawing so much attention, it might be of interest to know of a small, indirect, yet heroic attack being made upon the situation by an educational institution under Congregational-Christian auspices in the red clay country of eastern Alabama." So wrote John Clarence Petrie in Christian Century concerning Southern Union College at Wadley, Alabama, which serves one of the poorest sections of the second-poorest state. Its students are the children of share croppers and small rural owners, coming from homes in which the yearly cash income is less than \$200, and often less than \$100. There is no other place for these young people to go, for the state schools are out of the question because of expense. Tuition at Southern Union is only \$1.00 a week. Students can furnish produce from their farms to pay their board, which is given them at cost, at the rate of nine cents a meal. Not only so, but the College is trying to make it possible for the students to work

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

RENO, NEVADA. The Chest of Joash was used with fine effectiveness in raising the budget for the new year. New vestments have been provided for the Carolers, who will appear as the choir in these gowns on Palm Sunday. New officers for the year were ordained and recognized in a service of worship arranged by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Moll Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The Children's Project is rendering a most important service. Sixty percent of the children in the week-day school during the past year came from broken homes. It is hoped that 50 children can be sent to camp this coming summer. Leaders have been selected with the greatest care, under the direction of Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor.

PETALUMA. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons based on the Gospel of John, under the general title "The Light of the World." In the evening group discussions are held on "Living Religion"—Christ and Peace; Person-to-Person Relations; Capitalism, Christ, and The Church, being some of the subjects.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. G. E. Atkinson not only is caring for his regular work but during the Lenten period is leading a pastor's class at the Sunday School hour, giving a talk to the entire Sunday School, and a half hour of Bible study each Sunday evening, at the request of the young people themselves.

tion possible for them, but adds to the financial burdens of the college, making outside financial aid imperative.

The college is pioneering in Southern education and has adopted the junior college plan of the University of Chicago, thus giving a new and finer relationship between teacher and pupil. A number of these young white students have attended the inter-racial conferences at Talladega College, bringing back a new respect for the Negro race and a new understanding of its problems. President Ross Ensminger and his wife and the entire staff are cultured people, with a fine Christian spirit, devotedly working on a subsistence salary for love of the cause. Help given to this college is vital help, not only for the share croppers, but toward better social relations in the South.

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